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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Original claims 1-12 were cancelled and new claims 13-25 were substituted in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 23, 2004. Please amend claims 13 and 15 as set forth in the following listing of the claims.

Claims 1-12 (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A rotary-latch lock (1) having a rotary latch (6) which is retained in a locked position by a catch (9), and having an actuating member (19) which can be displaced by an electric motor from a starting position into an actuating position and serves for pivoting the catch (9) into a release position, the release position of the catch (9) enabling the rotary latch (6) to pivot into an open position, wherein a release member (24) is operative by means of the rotary latch (6), as the latter rotates into the open position, to release the actuating member (19) for the catch (9) for return displacement into the starting position; and wherein the actuating member 19 comprises a worm helix (22) engaging with the release member (24) during an unlocking of the latch (6), the release member (24) displacing the worm helix along a shaft (15) during a rotation of the shaft by the motor for driving the catch (9) into the release position, wherein rotation of the latch into the open position disengages the release member (24) from the

worm helix allowing the worm helix to be displaced back by spring force to the start position.

14. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating member (19) can be displaced from the starting position into the actuating position counter to the restoring force of a spring (20).

15. (currently amended) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 14, wherein the actuating member (19) is an axially displaceable worm which is arranged in a non-rotatable manner on ~~[[all the~~ shaft (15) which is driven in rotation by a motor, a protrusion (23) of the release member (24) engaging in the worm helix (22).

16. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the spring (20) is a helical compression spring which is seated on the shaft (15).

17. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the actuating member (19) acts on a disengaging section of a catch arrangement.

18. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the shaft (15) engages through the fork interior (14) of a fork-like end (13) of the catch (9), said end forming the disengaging section.

19. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, wherein the release member (24) is a lever which can be pivoted about a lock-housing-mounted pin (25).

20. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the protrusion (23) is assigned to one lever arm (26) and another lever arm (27), of the release member (24), and follows the rotary latch (6), in contact therewith.

21. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 13, further comprising a disengaging protrusion (28) which projects radially from the rotary latch (6) and is intended for another lever arm (27) of the release member (24).

22. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, wherein the shaft (15) runs up against a block when the release position of the catch (9) is reached.

23. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 15, further comprising a stop (30) which is assigned in a rotationally fixed manner to the shaft (15), and strikes against a mating stop (31) when the release position of the catch (9) is reached.

24. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 23, wherein the stop (30) is a radial protrusion and the mating stop (31) is assigned to the disengaging section.

25. (previously presented) The rotary-latch lock as claimed in claim 23, wherein the stop (30) is at an end of the shaft (15).